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Dear Candidate:

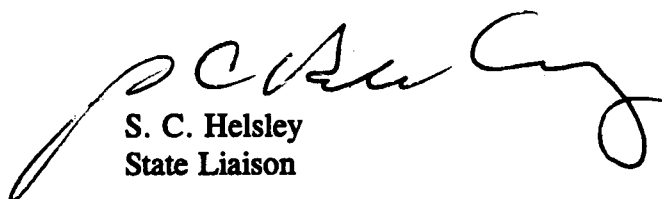
As the 1998 Primary Election approaches, the National Rifle Association is receiving requests from our members for information on the positions of the various candidates on issues relating to firearm possession, use and regulation.

Enclosed you will find a questionnaire which is designed to help you frame your position on "gun control" issues. Information from the questionnaires will be used to rate and/or endorse candidates.

We would like to ask you to return the completed questionnaire to us at the above address by April 17. If you wish, you may submit any additional information concerning your campaign. If you have any questions concerning a particular question, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above phone number.

If you would like to fax your completed questionnaire to our office, the number is (916) 448-7469. Your prompt consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



S. C. Helsley  
State Liaison

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Enclosure



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**CALIFORNIA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1. Do you support any additional state restrictions on the acquisition, ownership or possession of firearms?  
☐ (a) Yes, on all firearms.  
☐ (b) Yes, on some firearms. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (c) No, current state laws are sufficient.  
☒ (d) No, current state laws should be reformed or repealed to benefit law-abiding citizens.
2. Do you support legislation banning the private possession, manufacture, sale or transfer of:  
☐ (a) All firearms?  
☐ (b) Some firearms? Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (c) All handguns?  
☐ (d) Some handguns? Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ (e) No ban on law-abiding citizens possessing firearms?
3. California law requires the Attorney General to register law-abiding citizens who purchase handguns but provides that information on the purchasers of rifles and shotguns shall not be retained or compiled. Do you support legislation that would:  
☒ (a) Repeal the registration of law-abiding handgun purchasers?  
☐ (b) Extend the registration to rifle and shotgun purchasers?  
☐ (c) Neither; leave the law as it is?
4. Do you support legislation that would allow firearm manufacturers to be found liable when their defectless products are criminally misused or involved in accidental shootings? (The basis for this type of action is that the benefits of firearms are outweighed by their potential to cause injury.)  
☐ (a) Yes. ☒ (b) No.

5. State law requires a 10-day waiting period for firearm purchases. This waiting period also applies to private transfers. Do you support legislation that would (you may check more than one):

- ☐ (a. Increase the length of the waiting period? If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ (b. Repeal the waiting period and background check requirement?
- ☒ (c. Mandate the Department of Justice automate its criminal records and implement an "instant check" system whereby firearm dealers can communicate with D.O.J. from the point of purchase to determine the eligibility of prospective firearm purchasers (as credit card checks are performed today)? This would accomplish the background check while alleviating the need for a waiting period.
- ☐ (d. Leave the law as it is?

6. In California, it is unlawful to carry a concealed handgun for personal protection without a permit issued by local law enforcement. Because the issuance of permits is up to the discretion of each individual police chief and sheriff and policies vary tremendously, application of the law is unequal across the state and arbitrary denial is the rule rather than the exception. Do you support legislation requiring the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed handgun to law-abiding citizens for personal protection?

- ☒ (a. Yes, would co-sponsor. ☐ (c. No, would oppose.
- ☐ (b. Yes, would support.

7. For which of the following reasons do you support private firearms ownership and use? (You may check more than one.)

- ☒ (a. Constitutional right. ☐ (e. Collecting.
- ☐ (b. Hunting. ☐ (f. Personal protection.
- ☐ (c. Competitive shooting. ☒ (g. All of the above.
- ☐ (d. Informal sport shooting. ☐ (h. None of the above.

8. State law requires that most prospective handgun purchasers go through a firearm safety program at considerable expense prior to acquiring the firearm. Which of the following choices best describes your position on this issue? (You may check more than one.)

- ☒ (a. This requirement should be extended to all firearm purchasers.
- ☒ (b. Firearm safety and education programs should be offered through the private sector on a voluntary basis and should not be required as a prerequisite to acquisition of a firearm; the law should be repealed.
- ☐ (c. Firearm safety education and training should be offered as an elective in our school systems.
- ☐ (e. The Legislature should mandate that firearm safety devices be sold with every firearm.
- ☐ (f. Written literature should be provided to all firearm purchasers which outlines the safe use, handling and storage of firearms and encourages those who need more information to sign up for one of the voluntary courses currently available.
- ☐ (g. The mandatory training law should remain as it is.

9. Do you believe that imposing restrictions on firearm owners is an effective crime control tool?

- ☒ (a. Yes
- ☒ (b. No

10. Who do you believe is ultimately responsible your protection?

- ☒ (a. Government agencies
- ☒ (b. You

11. Do you believe that there should be uniform statewide criteria and fees for concealed weapon permits?

- ☒ (a. Yes  
☐ (b. No

12. What level of regulation do you support for semiautomatic rifles, handguns and shotguns? Semiautomatic firearms are those that fire one shot each time the trigger is pulled.

- ☐ (a. Total ban/confiscation  
☐ (b. Registration/future sale prohibited  
☐ (c. Registration at time of sale  
☒ (d. Same level of regulation required of non-semiautomatic firearms  
☐ (e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Most semiautomatic firearms accept detachable ammunition magazines of varying capacity. There has recently been a move to limit the capacity of detachable centerfire rifle magazines. Which of the following best describes your feelings on this issue? (You may check more than one.)

- ☐ (a. Handguns/rifles (circle one or both) which accept detachable magazines should be banned altogether.  
☒ (b. Limiting or banning detachable ammunition magazines is a misdirected approach to solving a complex problem.  
☐ (c. Handgun/rifle (circle one or both) ammunition magazines should be limited in capacity.  
☐ (d. In light of current law, support for a magazine limitation would be a reasonable trade-off to repeal the Roberti/Roos gun ban.  
☐ (e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Which of the following statements best represents your interpretation of the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."?

- ☐ (a. The Second Amendment protects an individual right but limits the protection to hunting or sporting arms.  
☐ (b. The Second Amendment supports only the collective right of the states to maintain their militia without federal interference.  
☒ (c. The framers of our federal Constitution used the word militia to mean armed individuals and intended the protection provided by the Second Amendment to extend to arms suitable for self-defense or militia use.

15. What biological/wildlife management role do you believe hunting should have in today's society? (You may check more than one.)

- ☐ (a. None, nature should be allowed to take its own course without man's interference.  
☐ (b. Limited, only when a species is having a negative human health or economic impact.  
☐ (c. Limited, only when a species is having a negative ecological impact, i.e., overbrowsing of habitat, competitive exclusion of other desirable species.  
☒ (d. Significant, hunting can be an important wildlife management practice that contributes to healthy wildlife populations.

16. What recreational role do you believe hunting has in today's society? (You may check more than one.)

- ☒ (a.) None.  
☒ (b.) For trophy hunting.  
☒ (c.) For food.  
\_\_\_\_ (d.) For the social benefits of hunting with friends/family.  
\_\_\_\_ (e.) For the opportunity to "get away".

17. In which of the following organizations do you hold or have you held membership?

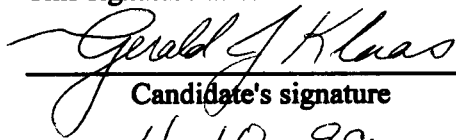
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| ____ (a.) National Rifle Association.            | ____ (g.) Defenders of Wildlife.              |
| ____ (b.) California Rifle & Pistol Association. | ____ (h.) Handgun Control, Inc.               |
| ____ (c.) California Wildlife Federation.        | ____ (i.) National Coalition to Ban Handguns. |
| ____ (d.) Ducks Unlimited.                       | ____ (j.) Audubon Society.                    |
| ____ (e.) Gun Owners of California.              | ____ (k.) Sierra Club.                        |
| ____ (f.) National Wildlife Federation.          |   |

Please use the following space for additional comments you would like to make:

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This signature attests that the above information accurately represents the views of the candidate.

  
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